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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or Jim Cunningham who said that I cursed the Catholic Church, I don't curse anywhere, and I'm getting calls from idiotic Catholics because they were told by the Archbishop in his propaganda sheet to call my office and tell me how offended they are, and they call me and ask, why do I stand on the floor and curse on the Catholic Church? That's what the Archbishop Bruskewitz is doing. He is a fool. He is a liar, and he is unfit to call himself a religious man. And if he is going to condemn me, at least I didn't lie on the man, but I'm going to continue telling my story as Senator Brashear is telling his. And I told you the Catholic hierarchy sticks its nose in politics, and when they stick their nose within shot of me, I'm going to mash that nose, and I invite Schlekelbekel (sic--Schleppenbach), Foley, Bruskewitz or Jim Cunningham to take their best shot. I'm a big man and...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... I'm able to deal with them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of Legislature, I just want to talk a little bit about what's going on here, and ask whether it really makes sense to do things this This bill, except for one provision, is a fine-tuning way. bill. I think if we ever got to talking about the provisions that are actually suggested in this bill, everybody would agree that it would make the whole system work better. Brashear has philosophic objections to the entire act and to having campaign finance reform. He looks at this radically different than I do, and I understand that people can have...can take that position. But if we're going to go back on every general topic and program that we've...that we've adopted in this Legislature, and if then a few people in each case are going to argue again the philosophic underleanings of it, and take up all of our time fighting the basic philosophic principle, we can do that. But when the lottery bill comes up here shortly, are we going to argue the whole lottery act all